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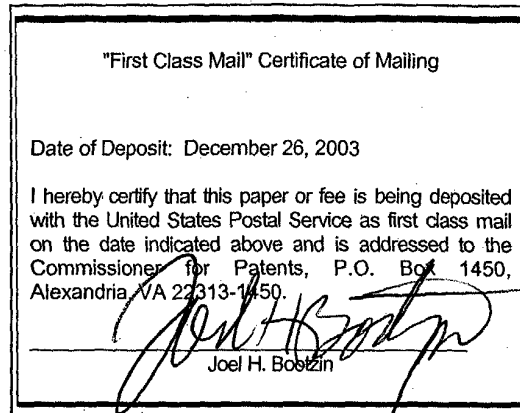
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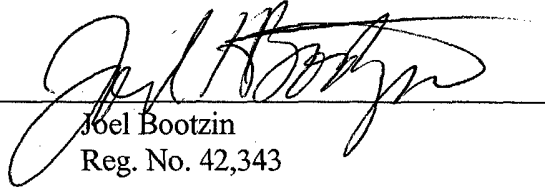
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A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is enclosed herewith. Applicants also include an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and check for \$530.00 to extend the due date to September 14, 2003, which would have been done had the RCE been timely filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick, duplicate copy attached.

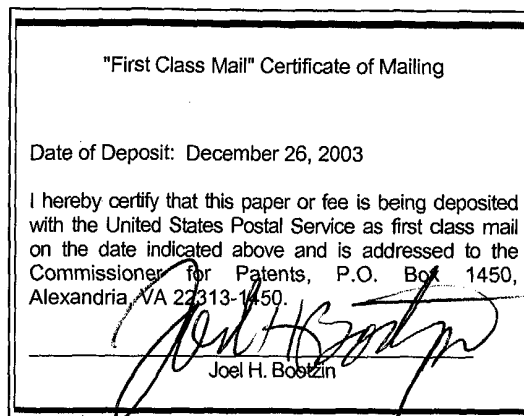
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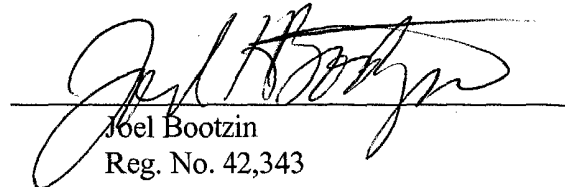
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